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Attn.: Unirac - Engineering Department

Re: Engineering Certification for the Unirac Sunframe Microrail, SFM Infinity U-builder Software

PZSE, Inc. - Structural Engineers has reviewed the Unirac's Sunframe Microrail, proprietary mounting system constructed from modular parts which is intended for rooftop installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels; and has reviewed the U-builder Online tool. This U-Builder software includes analysis for the 2" Microrail, 8" Attached Splice, 6" splice, and front trimrail. All information, data and analysis contained within are based on, and comply with the following codes and typical specifications:

1. Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and other Structures, ASCE/SEI 7-05, ASCE/SEI 7-10, ASCE/SEI 7-16
2. Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR 9<sup>th</sup> Edition.
3. 2006-2018 International Building Code, by International Code Council, Inc. w/ Provisions from SEAOC PV-2 2017.
4. 2006-2018 International Residential Code, by International Code Council, Inc. w/ Provisions from SEAOC PV-2 2017.
5. AC428, Acceptance Criteria for Modular Framing Systems Used to Support Photovoltaic (PV) Panels, November 1, 2012 by ICC-ES.

Following are typical specifications to meet the above code requirements:

<b>Design Criteria:</b>	Ground Snow Load = 0 - 100 (psf) Basic Wind Speed = 90 - 180 (mph) Roof Mean Height = 0 - 30 (ft) Roof Pitch = 0 - 45 (degrees) Exposure Category = B, C & D
<b>Attachment Spacing:</b>	Per U-builder Engineering report.
<b>Cantilever:</b>	Maximum cantilever length is L/3, where "L" is the span noted in the U-Builder online tool.
<b>Clearance:</b>	2" to 10" clear from top of roof to top of PV panel.
<b>Tolerance(s):</b>	1.0" tolerance for any specified dimension in this report is allowed for installation.
<b>Installation Orientation:</b>	See SFM Installation Guide. Landscape - PV Panel long dimension is parallel to ridge/eave line of roof and the PV panel is mounted on the long side. Portrait - PV Panel short dimension is parallel to ridge/eave line of roof and the PV panel is mounted on the short side.

Attachment shall be staggered where ground snow load exceeds 10 PSF.

**Testing:** Values were based on UTR-299 testing provided by Unirac.

**Components and Cladding Roof Zones:**

The Components and Cladding Roof Zones shall be determined based on ASCE 7-05, ASCE 7-10 & 7-16 Component and Cladding design.

- Notes:
- 1) U-builder Online tool analysis is only for Unirac SFM Sunframe Microrail system only and do not include roof capacity check.
  - 2) Risk Category II per ASCE 7-16.
  - 3) Topographic factor,  $k_{zt}$  is 1.0.
  - 4) Array Edge Factor  $Y_E = 1.5$
  - 5) Average parapet height is 0.0 ft.
  - 6) Wind speeds are LRFD values.
  - 7) Attachment spacing(s) apply to a seismic design category E or less.

**Design Responsibility:**

The U-Builder design software is intended to be used under the responsible charge of a registered design professional where required by the authority having jurisdiction. In all cases, this U-builder software should be used under the direction of a design professional with sufficient structural engineering knowledge and experience to be able to:

- Evaluate whether the U-Builder Software is applicable to the project, and
- Understand and determine the appropriate values for all input parameters of the U-Builder software.

This letter certifies that the Unirac SFM Sunframe Microrail, when installed according to the U-Builder engineering report and the manufacture specifications, is in compliance with the above codes and loading criteria.

This certification excludes evaluation of the following components:

- 1) The structure to support the loads imposed on the building by the array; including, but not limited to: strength and deflection of structural framing members, fastening and/or strength of roofing materials, and/or the effects of snow accumulation on the structure.
- 2) The attachment of the SFM 2" Microrail or 8" Attached Splice to the existing structure.
- 3) The capacity of the solar module frame to resist the loads.

This requires additional knowledge of the building and is outside the scope of the certification of this racking system.

If you have any questions on the above, do not hesitate to call.

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